

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A data carrier, having at least a first line screen halftone image represented by spaced, linear structural elements, a desired tonal value of the line screen halftone image being realized by suitable modulation of the width (y) of the linear structural elements, and the linear structural elements each comprising a baseline with respect to which the width (y) is modulated, wherein at least in a detail of the line screen halftone image, the width (y) of the linear structural elements is modulated at each place only on one side of the particular baseline so that the linear structural elements are flat on one side and width-modulated on one side.

2. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, further comprising a second line screen halftone image represented by spaced, width-modulated, linear structural elements that are disposed adjacent to the structural elements of the first line screen halftone image such that adjacent structural elements are associated alternately with the first line screen halftone image and the second line screen halftone image.

3. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 2, wherein the second line screen halftone image has the features of the first line screen halftone image.

4. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 2, wherein adjacent structural elements have mutually contrasting colors.

5. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 2, wherein adjacent structural elements are present on adjacent flanks of a relief substrate material.

6. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 5, wherein the first line screen halftone image and the second line screen halftone image are identical.

7. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 5, wherein the first line screen halftone image and the second line screen halftone image are different.

8. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the line screen halftone image has two or more groups of linear structural elements, the structural elements of the same group having the same color and alignment, while the structural elements of different groups have different colors and are differently aligned.

9. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 8, wherein the line screen halftone image has groups of structural elements having the colors, cyan, magenta and yellow, in each case.

10. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 8, wherein the line screen halftone image has three groups of structural elements forming an angle of 15°, 45° and 75° to the horizontal in each case.

11. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the first line screen halftone image has integrated therein an image not perceptible to the eye and having a predetermined contour, by the linear structural elements of the first line screen halftone image being width-modulated on another side of their particular baseline within the contour than in an area of the first line screen halftone image surrounding the contour.

12. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein adjacent structural elements are width-modulated in opposite directions with respect to their particular baseline.

13. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 12, wherein the distances (d, e) between the baselines of adjacent structural elements are small where the structural elements are adjacent with their flat sides, while being great where the structural elements are adjacent with their width-modulated sides.

14. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 13, wherein the small distances (e) are smaller than 150 microns.

15. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the linear structural elements are disposed mutually offset in at least two adjacent partial areas of the first line screen halftone image.

16. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 15, wherein the distances (a; a, b, c) between the baselines of adjacent structural elements are different in the two adjacent partial areas.

17. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the distances (a, b, c) between the baselines are different at least within a partial area of the first line screen halftone image.

18. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 17, wherein the partial area with differently spaced baselines forms at least one bar code formed by the linear structural elements, the smooth sides of the structural elements indicating at least one of a beginning or an end of a bar, and the distance (a, b, c; d) between the smooth sides of the structural elements indicating the information to be associated with a bar.

19. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 12, wherein the partial area with differently spaced baselines forms at least one bar code formed by the linear structural elements, the smooth sides of the structural elements indicating at least one of a beginning or an end of a bar, and the distance (a, b, c; d) between the smooth sides of the structural elements indicating the information to be associated with a bar; and wherein the opposite smooth sides of adjacent structural elements form a

separating line between two adjacent bars, so that the structural elements, width-modulated in opposite directions, form bars of a bar code readable in opposite directions.

20. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the baselines are curved.

21. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the structural elements have a density of 30 to 60 per centimeter.

22. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein a tonal value below a predetermined limiting value is represented by linear structural elements comprising spaced-apart structural element sections.

23. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the first line screen halftone image represents a logo, writing or pictorial representation.

24. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1 in the form of a document of value, selected from the following group of documents of value: bank note, check, share, identification document, admission ticket, travel ticket, certificate, credit card, check card.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)